

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON.

Minor Matters of Inverest in the Capital

SUNDAY, DEC. 3.-Paul H. C. Murphy, Captain of the United States Marines, brought with him from Chicago, to be delivered to the St. te Department, the relies of Columbus that have been on exhition at the World's Fair. He also had in his custody the equally-valuable Vatican exhibit. Twenty marines and two officers, armed as if for war, acted as es-

Monday, Dec. 4 .- This afternoon, after the adopinion of the court in the case of Messrs, Ainsworth, Dant, Covert and Sasse, indicted for manslaughter in connection with the Ford's Theater disaster of June 9 last, was filed, Chief Justice Alvey writing the opinion. indictment to be fatally defective, thus re- | 000 for its erection. versing the judgment of Judge McComas, who sustained the indictment in the court below, Criminal Court 1, and remands the case to that court for further proceedings. of the Court of Appeals in the case, and to order the discharge of the four defendants from further answering that indictment,morning. The court will meet every day

until the case is decided. TUESDAY, DEC. 5 .- The letter-carriers will be becomes a law. It provides that in all cities is made for the building. where the gross receipts exceed \$500,000 per annum all carriers who have served three years may be promoted to the \$1,200 grade. At third of the force enjoying the highest rating. tee, and will have considerable influence brought to bear for its passage. It is understrongly indorse it and send petitions to Congress for its passage.—Business men and other prominent citizens met the Supreme Knights of Pytheas, to talk about and arrange for the session of the Supreme Lodge in this

city next August. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6.-The session of the Cabinet to-day was non-ually ion . The Hawaiian question, which has been the absorbing subject at meetings held of late, was up again and talked over. Incidentally the comment upon the President's message and the annual report of the Secretaries also came up, The Cabinet is also said to have considered the names of several appointments to foreign offices. The Italian mission, however, was not included in the list .--- A meeting of the of the Loval Legion was held, with over 130 read by Surg. John W. Shively, late U. S. Navy, on "The U. S. Mississippi at the capture of New Orleans," which was ordered to

lation was served. THURSDAY, DEC. 7 .- Word was received in Washington to-day that Monsignor Satolli, Papal Delegate to the United States, is to be honored with a red hat, and will soon I ave for Rome. Monsignor Laurentini, now Papal Nuncio in Holland, a man of ability, a Perugian by birth, like Mon, Sarolli, is named as his successor .- Mr. Doolittle introduced into the House a bill to create an Executive of Labor, under the control of a Secretary of Labor appointed by the President,

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 .- A member of the Committee appointed by the Republicans of the Senate to look after party matters generally, and which is regarded as one of exceptional that there will be no filibustering on the part of the Republicans against the tariff bill. They propose to ask for a full hearing before the Committee on Finance, and when the bill sion, but no at empt to delay the bill. SATURDAY, D. C. 9.—Col. Patrick Walsh, Presi-

dent of the Augusta (Gz.) Exposition, has invited Vice-President Stevenson, Secretaries Herbert, Smith, and Morton, and several Seaators and Representatives to visit the Exposition. Vice-President Stevenson, Secretary Herbert, Secretary Smith, and Representation. A committee, consisting of Col. Patand Verdery, of Augusta, reached Washington this morning, and returned with the Vice-President and party, leaving Washington at 10:43 to-night over the Richmond & Danmorning.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

keeper at the House the other day. "Who?" asked the doorkeeper. "Why, a darky with a red necktie, of course!"

Veterans of the Mexican war will be intersurviving Paymasters' Clerks of the same relstive rank and grade as Purser's Clerks in the Navy, and give to such clerks or their surviving widows the same pension.

old gentleman received the congratulations of that's why they're coming to us." the Senators and Representatives, who wished him 62 years more of health, happiness and

than 80 years old, and old John Brown, who from the result of the recent elections." One of the fire is unknown, but thought to be a defor nearly balf a century has carried on his of his Republican colleagues suggested that the fective flue.

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massive shoulders all the wood that is burned in the open fireplaces of the various rooms of the Senate wing, are all said to be looking up their "inflooence."

We will probably have the appropriations for a new National Museum building soon. The Mu seum is already the finest we have in the country, which is saying a good deal, and when it is remembered that its magnificent collection is the result of donations from outsiders, and of the most painstaking and zealous collecting journment of the Court of Appeals, the of the Smithsonian Institution experts, it will be conceded that it is an establishment well worth fostering. Senator Morrill introduced in the Senate a bill the other day providing for an additional fireproof building 300 feet square The opinion, an unanimous one, declares the and two stories high, and appropriating \$500,- to a grateful people who will always cherish his disapproval of present fashions, or the revival gift.

Another bill which Senator Morrill introduced is one providing for a site for a Supreme These further proceedings in the Criminal Court building. It seems strange that the Unvailed by His Only Daughter at the Na-Court will merely be to enter the mandate | bighest Federal Court in the country has no building of its own. It has sat in the Supreme Court room in the Capitol for years, and there The Court of Inquiry, which is investigating is no good reason why a magnificent building Both Houses of Congress participated, Gov. Altthe conduct of Lieut. Davenpor . U. S. N., | should not be built for the accommodation of | geld, of Illinois, his staff, and also a delegation met at the Navy-yard at 10:30 o'clock this that branch of the Judiciary as well as the different branches of the Executive and Legislative Departments. The ground desired is exin good luck if a bill introduced in the House | actly opposite to the new library building on to-day by Amos J. Cummings, of New York, | East Capitol street. As yet no appropriation

Washington has the ideal Fat Men's Club. present the pay of letter-carriers ranges from | The requirements of this organization are ex-\$600 to \$1,000 per annum, only about one- ceptionally severe. One must weigh 200 pounds Mr. Cummings's bill was referred to commit- at least, and measure 40 inches in girth. When one has fulfilled these conditions he must needs be a fellow of infinite jest, or he will stood that several labor organizations will feel lonesome. The star fat man weighs 429 pounds, another 284. This club gave a dinner and dance the other evening, and a rare scene Chancellor, the Supreme Keeper of Records | they presented. When you get an aggrega ion and Seals, the Major-tieneral of the Uniform of weighty men like these together, you are in Rank, and other distinguished visiting the presence of an amount of good humor, jollity and capacity such as is exceedingly foreign to the ordinary individuals who don't waddle when they walk.

The new method of engrossing bills in the House was put into operation for the first time last week. A deficiency bill passed by the House furnished the first subject. The old method of engrossing with a pen was abolished, and the first draft of the bill was rushed down to the Government Printing Office, where it District Commandery of the Military Order | was set up in type. One copy only was printed and it was sent back to the House as the official members present. An interesting paper was | engrossed bill. The promoters of the new plan were very much pleased with its successful the platform. Miss Katherine Shields, the only operation. It may be found necessary, howbe printed in the records of the Commandery, | ever, as the session draws to a close, to establish Several new members were received. A col- a printing press at the Capitol to save time in

Legislature of New Hampshire, providing for the placing of statues of Gen, John Stark and Daniel Webster in Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington, the Governor and Council have just awarded to the celebrated sculptor, Charles Department to be known as the Department | Courads, the contract to make models in clay after the statues in bronze, which are now standing in the Statehouse yard at Concord, N. H., and the statues are to be cut in the best quality of Carrara statuary marble in Italy by Prot. Com. Carlo Nicoli, The pedestals are to strength, said to-day with absolute certainty | be Concord granite, the quality of the material and work to equal in texture and finish the best in the corridors of the Hotel Waldorf, in New York city. The statues and pedestals are gets into the Senate there will be full discus- to be completed and delivered at Washington within eight months.

. . . Last week there was introduced a bill in the House by Mr. Beltzhoover, of Pennsylvania, providing for the transfer of the Pension Bureau from the Interior to the War Department, tive W. M. Springer have accepted the invita- This plan is not a new one, and is revived periodically. The Record and Pension rick Walsh and Messrs, Alexander, Cohen, Bureau is a part of the War Department, and the idea is to incorporate the Pension Bureau as part of this on the last day of June, 1894. The bill provides that the Sccretary of ville Railroad. The party will reach Wash- War is hereatter to perform all duties under is slight, with black hair and mustache. He is ington on the return trip on Wednesday | the pension law now exercised by the Secretary of the Interior. The President is to designate an Army officer as Commissioner of Pensions, with rank, pay, and allowances of a Brigadier-"Did you see anything of a rouge et noir General. The offices of the First and Second constituent of mine out here?" asked Repre- Deputy Commissioners of Pensions are abolsentative Campbell, of New York, of a door- | ished, and Army officers of the rank of Colonel are to be detailed to fill them.

Jerry Simpson is one of these optimists who do one's heart good in discouraging times, if the father of the Congress, is Senator Morrill one happens to be of his political faith. Said oldest in years, being 84, in original entry, and ested in a pension bill introduced in the Senate he the other day: "The Populist party is in length of continuous service in Congress. polled 12,000 votes in Virginia in 1892. This year our total was 90,000. We gained every. Next to Mr. Bland in length of continuous where except in Kansas." "Shall you increase your representation in the House next Autumn?" was asked. "Our present representation in the House is 11, and five in the Sen-Capt. Isaac Bassett, one of the most conspice- ate. Next year we ought to gain one Congressous figures in the Senate Chamber, on Wednes- man in Kansas and another in Minnesota. We day of last week completed his 62d year of ought also to develop strength in the South, continuous service in the United States Senate. particularly in Georgia, Alabama, and Texas. He began as a page, appointed on the recom- | There is great dissatisfaction in Texas. Memmendation of Daniel Webster, and to-day his bers of Congress tell me that we will show face is as rosy, his hair as luxuriant, though surprising results there." "To what do you snow white, and his steps as clastic as they attribute this dissatisfaction?" "To the have been at any time during the last 20 years. education the farmers have had through the He it is who yearly stays Father Time's flight | Alliance movement. It has led them away at the closing session of Congress by putting from both the old parties. We want more curthe hands of the big Senate clock back many | rency, lower tariff duties, and cheaper transminutes, so that at the last moment more busi- poriation rates. The people see that they can ness may be done before adjournment. The secure these remedies only through us, and

Ex-Speaker Reed manages to get a good deal of fun out of the political situation at one time or another. Just now it is the "scattering" Although Capt. Bassett is still there, there is sentiment among his friends on the other side hardly another familiar face to be seen among of the chamber over the new tariff bill. The the employees of the Senate, for a clean sweep other day he was entertaining some of his assowas made during the recess. The new broom has | ciates, including Democrats and Republicans, brushed away many old employees who were with some of his characteristic criticisms upon thought to be on the pay-roll for life, Old Joe the proposed tariff bill. Some one asked him McGuickan, who had been employed about the what he thought of the bill as reported from thought that the Navy Department will confess Secretary's office and was one of the popular the Ways and Means Committee, His big, to an error in detaching him, but it would unlandmarks about the Capitoi since the begin- round face took on a serious expression as be ning of the war; Nelson Parker, the big fat replied: "When I think of the suffering that Secretary Herbert would in all probability colored man who mixes Senatorial lemonade in | will come to the American people this Winter | comply. the cloak-room; "Doctor" Hickman, who has in consequence of the unsettled condition of A building at the Norfolk Navy-yard, conbrushed flies off Senators in the cloak-room | the business affairs of the country, I am desince he was a young man, and who is more prived of the pleasure I would otherwise derive loss will probably reach \$250,000. The origin

majority of the Ways and Means Committee appeared to be proceeding with a tardiness that indicated uncertainty and a lack of experience with the question under consideration. "Yes," replied Mr. Reed, "they remind me of a man trying to mend his watch with an ax." This sudden transformation from grave to gay was greeted with a burst of laughter from those present, and by the ex-Speaker ambled off in the direction of the Republican cloak-room.

"The last time I saw Gen. Spinner," said Col. John A. Joyce, the other day, "was at Willard's Hotel, on his way to Florida, two years before his death. The ravages of a cancer had greatly disfigured his face, and a settled gloom seemed to have taken possession of his countenance, while his natural irritability was increased. He saw but few persons, and those some of the true and faithful clerks that had so honestly served him while Treasurer. When I put in an appearance at his parlor-room he rose with some effort, saluted me kindly, and I remarked, 'Why, General, how well you look.' He impulsively replied: 'Now, look here, Joyce, you know that's a lie!' I made some explanatory remarks and turned the conversation into another channel, knowing, of course, that my first salutation was not exactly the truth, but uttered as the usual compliment among friends. But I'll never forget the sterling sincerity of Spinner, who would not accept a passing social compliment when he felt it to be false. The waters of the romantic Mohawk now murmur a requiem to his memory, and the rolling hills and blooming vales that blessed his boyhood will long echo the praises of this illustrions man, who handled \$3,000,000,000 during the civil war, and accounted for every cent reign in the human heart."

GEN. SHIELDS'S STATUE tional Capitol.

The statute of Gen. James Shields was unvailed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol on Dec. 6,



daughter of the General, unvailed the statue. and was accompanied by her two brothers. Col. Fisher, the only surviving member of the Genand Representative Mansur, of Missouri, recognized in the crowd an old gentleman who had In compliance with the law passed by the carried Gen. Shields from the field. Mr. Manwas a banquet at the National Hotel.

> NEW APPOINTEES. Will B. Hornblower, renominated, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the

John B. Riley, of New York, to be Consul-General of the United States at Ottawa, Canada, H. Clay Armstrong, jr., of Alabama, at Grenoble, France; Newton B. Ashby, of Iowa, at Massachusetts, at Sherbrooke, Quebec, and Frank W. Roberts, of Maine, at Barcelona, Spain, to be Consuls.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Though little has been done in the way of determining who scall succeed the late Representative Lilly as Congressman-at-large from Pennsylvania, something of an effort to push made here. The chances, though, are rather against him, as he comes from the same section of the State in which the other Congressman-atlarge resides. Mr. Huff has had a well estabterm in Congress expired.

H. S. Bundy, of Ohio, and Levi T. Griffin, of Detroit, are two new members of the House, sworn in last week. Mr. Bundy stroligly re sembles Justice Harlan, though not so tall. He has a round, smoothly-shaven face and heavilymarked brows. Mr. Griffin, his exact opposite, a successful lawyer, and very popular.

Hon, Richard Parks Bland, the progenitor of the bill known as the "Bland" act, or the "dollar of the daddies' bill, is now the ing descended to him upon the death of Representative O'Neill. Mr. Bland is 55 years of age, is on a consecutive term at the end of which he will have served 22 years. His term of service is not so long as that of Mr. Holman, who entered in the House in 1859, and, with the exception of six years, has been there ever since. The father of the Senate, and, indeed, of Michigan, and Harmer, of Pounsylvania. service are Mesers, Springer, of Illinois, and Culberson, of Texas, in their 19th year; Harmer, of Pennsylvania, and Reed, of Maine, in their 17th year; Bingham, of Pennsylvania; Hooker, of Mississippi, and McMilliu, of Tennessee, in their 15th year.

ARMY AND NAVY.

The contracts have been awarded for the construction of gunboats seven, eight and nine to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, at their bid of \$280,000 for each vessel, or \$840,000 for the three. The authority for the construction of these vessels is contained in the Naval appropriation act of March 3, 1893. It authorized the construction of three new vessels, these vessels to be of the class known as "light-draft protected gunboats," of about 1,200 tons displacement, and to cost not more than \$400,000 each, excluding any premiums that may be paid for increased speed and cost of armament. Two designs were determined upon by the Department, the one for No. 7 being that of a light-drait protected gunboat of about 1,200 tons displacement, having a speed of 14 knots per hour, and that for Nos. 8 and 9 being of a light-draft protected gunboat for special service, having a speed of 13 knots per hour. These vessels are designed for use in Chinese waters and for river service elsewhere. Secretary Herbert requested of Commodore

Stanton a written account of the saluting of Mello at Rio, and after action has been taken on it he will be reprimanded or assigned to a command, according to the decision. It is not doubtedly repair any injustice done. If Admiral Stanton should ask for a court of inquiry

taining steam engineering and general stores, was entirely destroyed by fire last week. The



THE BETTER HALF.

"Woe to the women who sew pillows to all arm-holes."

"Behold, I am agai st your pillows, whereand I will tear them from your arms."

These passages from the book of Ezekiel of the Bible, which are to be found in the 13th chapter, 18th and 20th verses, are muchly quoted as appropriate to this generation of women who wear big-sleeved gowns. The words are interpreted as significant of Biblical started bulb is appropriate for a Christmas memory while truth, loyalty and houesty of the ones known in the days of the Prophet Ezekiel-B. C. 593.

However, commentators and Biblical scholars generally find the passages indefinite and obscure and only say, "Pillows-A part of the couches or divans of that period, cushions that supported the arms or neck " or " Probably emin the presence of a distinguished gathering. | broidered cushions on the armpits, or on such crutches as the orientals used to support themselves in sitting, or it may mean both." So there is as much reason to believe that it was the furniture thus denounced as that it was the feminine costume. However, it sounds | quite clever to use it, even with so slight authority.

> And in the meantime sleeves do not change, It is quite wonderful, this long-continued popularity of the mutten-leg style. 0 2 6

One of the little things that all ladies know is that vails should never be worn after sundown. It is a thing taught in boarding-schools and by careful mothers, so it is rarely spoken of and always regarded.

Some of the new vails are particularly ugly, having a border of Scotch-plaid coloring along the lower edge.

Another new vail is of fine brown gauze with

a narrow band of mink fur on its lower edge. but it also is one that is too far-fetched to find The heavily-dotted vails in black, however in-

brighter and bigger and darker, so there is but fastening down one side with buttons set little prospect of their being given up entirely. | closely together. The full front has its sepa-

made with a full, round waist of old-fashioned | that allows it to flare quite widely at the botblack moire, sleeves-enormous ones-of serge | tom, although there is no fullness at the top. and a seven-gored, serge skirt. Each gore is to The lining for it is of black silk. From the collar and belt are to be of silk. The hat looks very pretty and sparkling over the green. eral's staff in the Mexican War, was present, to be worn with it is a tiny black felt turned | For further trimming-of course no pun inup in the back with a bunch of violets and two | tended-there is mink in an edging around

cloth sleeves is one adopted with stylish women.

The point in using tough or less choice and coatume. chesper meats, and making them into delicious dishes, lies in their being carefully prepared. Naturally, it takes much longer time to make Dublin, Ireland; Marcelius L. Davis, of Arkan- a palatable dish out of them than it do s to use sas, at Merida, Spain; Benjamin Lenthier, of the choicest meats that can be procured. The trouble with hashes and stews generally is that they are made so slouchily. The gristle, fat, sinews, and stringy parts must be cut and scraped away with a knife. If it be a sharp one, very little meat will be wasted In corn-beef hash, a little fat is to be used, but all other kinds are much better without any. After the ex-Representative Huff, of Greensburg, is being | meat is freed from its undesirable parts, chop it up finely, and either mix it with half as much potatoes and fry it with a browned slice of onion, or make it into a stew, flavored with lished coal business in Washington since his tomatoes or mushrooms. Meat balls made of finely-chopped meat, flavored with onion and parsley and rolled into balls, dusted with flour and tried, are good. Hash can be similarly treated for a change from the one big dish.

Very dainty dancing-gowns are made with brocaded waist and plain skirt of solid color to match the flower of the waist. The sleeves match the skirt in color, but are of velvet, and are finished at the elbow with a chiffon or crepe "Father of the House," that distinction hav- ruffle and a band of fur. The waist has frequently a twist of velvet and fur or a ruffle of lace or chiffon.

> A dinner gown of black satin and satin brocade had the round full waist of the plain satin and the skirt of the brocade. The only trimming | the reader to the last. Each book is my favorite about the costume was a magnificent bertha of the author's writings. and sleeve ruffles of Duchesse lace.

by Mr. Vest, of Missouri. It amends the act granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war approved June 29, 1887, so as to include

The Populist party is the continuous service in Congress.

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Among the other novelties shown in the jewelers' Christmas displays are china cups with narrow silver bands that fit the brim and have a holder for "an extra lump" of sugar. They are of no special use, but they look pretty, and are expensive.



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so easily and does not always wear prettily.



The gown pictured is of green cloth with collar, sleeves and belt of silk, exactly matchjurious they may be, make the eyes look ing in shade. It is made with a full waist, rate, fitted lining, to insure a good fit. The Among the new gowns of a bride is one for little skirt to the waist, that gives the effect of traveling of heavy black serge. It is to be a Russian blouse, is cut after a circular pattern be outlined with a fine piping of the silk. The high, folded collar falls a jetted yoke that tiny snoods of velvet. In front are two Mer- the skirt of the waist, the cuffs and down the su delivered the culory. In the evening there | cury wings of black feathers and a velvet knot. | lapped side of the front, The skirt is perfectly plain and not very flaring, as most of the skirts The fashion of having a silken waist with are. When the jacket flares so much the skirt is prettier to hang straighter. The fur omitted, leaves quite a handsome and a much simpler

> A pale-blue taffeta silk is stylishly trimmed with narrow mink fur.

A pretty hat to be worn with a gray gown is of black felt with the brim cut in front. There are two Mercury wings of gray feathers, and a bunch of violets resting right on the parting of the hair, for trimming. . .

WHAT WE HAVE READ AND WHAT WE ARE READING.

According to records kept in the Public Library at Boston, the most popular novel is Dumas's "The Count of Monte Cristo." There are 14 copies in the library, and always they are every one spoken for in advance.

With us, so far, "Adam Bede" has seemed to be the most liked, with "John Halifax, Gentleman," as second, and probably "Dombey and Son" a good third.

The next letter is one in praise of several old

DEAR BETTER HALF: As I am a lover of

iterature I watch every week for the lists of books published in your columns, and not having seen any lately I ventured to write myself. "The Daughter of Pharaoh" is a very interesting book founded on the captivity of the Hebrews and their escape from the Egyptian bondage. "Ben Hur," "Ivanhoe," "Last Days of Pompeii," and "Uncle Tom's Cabin," are old books, but they hold the attention o I have just been reading "John Halifax,

Gentleman," and concur in all that another writer has said in praise of it. Winifred, in of Dickens's works, but I don't fancy them fruch, I like "Oliver Twist" best. I must stop this letter, or you will not have room to publish it. Hoping to see more letters soon, I am-F. C., Butler, Ill.

Any one else who has read "The Dream of Fair Women" may wish to discuss Winifred as an ideal character, or to compare her to some favorite of their own. How does she seem along with the magnificent Gwendolen Harleth, in Daniel Deronda; with placid Amy Sedley, Thackeray's heroine, admired so much by himself; with the womanly Ursnla, wife of John Halifax; with Kate Niekelby, Florence Dombey, or Esther Summerson, to whom Dickens has given so much gentleness; the calm. true-hearted Dinah Morris, or with Victor Hugo's little French girl, Cozette?

With the many splendid women that novelists have given to us, it is really a difficult task to decide upon one as being most ideal. But Thackeray's heroines seem to me stupid. Mira, in Daniel Deronda, is insipid; she is no more than a flower, gentle and fragrant. It would be difficult for her to do wrong, she has no sins to struggle over or repent for, and so is not so interesting as a more forcible, even if less saintly, and from disease; regimental sketches; corps histories; the colored troops; losses in the Navy on each vessel; tosses in Confederate regiments; interesting facts, etc. Write for circular and prices. ALBANY PUBLI-HING CO., P. O. Box 219, Albany, N. Y. character. However, there may be those who think otherwise; if so, let them speak, and if their favorite characters are worth anything let them be shown forth. They will be given a fair chance. The address is the same, Care NATIONAL TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C. ELSIE POMEROY MCELROY.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays. In pursuance of its usual liberal policy, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company announces that excursion tickets will be sold between all stations on its lines east of the Ohio River during the Christmas and New Year holidays at reduced rates. The tickets will be sold for all trains Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, and will be valid for the return journey on all trains until Jan. 3, inTHE RULE STANDS.

Pension Checks Must Be Delivered to the Pensioner. The rule prohibiting the delivery of official

pension mail matter excepting to the pensioner.

his wife or guardian is once more the subject of discussion in official circles. The trouble began about two months ago. The pension authorities called the attention of the postal people to the fact that 4,000 pensioners in Baltimore were having their mail matter addressed in care of four pension at-

torneys of that city.

The pension folks also stated that it would be agreeable to them if the mail containing pension checks should be delivered only to the pensioners, and not to the attorneys. With the aid of Postoffice Inspectors and Pension Examiners

this was done. It was only accomplished, however, with considerable trouble. The attorneys have contended that the rule indicated is in violation of law, and that mail matter must be delivered by the Postoflice Department to either the addressee proper or to the person in whose care it is addressed. Many of their clients were scafaring people, and it would occasion them great inconvenience to call personally at the Postoffice for their pension check. Many had no wife to whom the

A petition was received a few days ago by the Postmaster-General from Baltimore attorneys, asking that the rule be abolished. They stated tional designs, or with fine threads in natural their reasons briefly and clearly. The petition with ye there hunt souls to make them fly, flower wreaths, are being made for Christmas was numerously signed. Mr. Bissell referred giving. They are so finished as to be easily the paper to the Commissioner of Pensions, and that official has returned it to Mr. Bissell removed and laundered, and are quite as serviceable as silk, if not more so, as silk splits | with the recommendation that the rule be ad-

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